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The Honorable David J. Trone  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Mace  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Lisa Blunt Rochester  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Trone, Rep. Mace, and Rep. Blunt Rochester,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for H.R. 2983, the *Fresh Start Act of 2023*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

The MCCA is a strong advocate for criminal justice reform policies that properly balance providing relief to non-violent offenders while promoting public safety. Removing the barriers individuals often face in accessing economic and other opportunities post-conviction can help reduce recidivism. One method for addressing these barriers is sealing or expunging criminal records after an offender completes their sentence. The *Fresh Start Act of 2023* will support these efforts by allowing states to utilize National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) funding to implement automatic criminal record sealing or expungement laws. This legislation includes important guardrails to ensure these activities do not jeopardize public safety. For example, this funding can only be used to implement laws that explicitly allow law enforcement to continue to have access to information that has been sealed or expunged.

Thank you for your leadership and your continued support of law enforcement. Please do not hesitate to contact me if the MCCA can be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
Major Cities Chiefs Association

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